

**RESOLUTION NO. 12--\_\_\_\_\_**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Huntsville has always been and will remain a leader in providing fair and affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to concerns expressed by numerous Neighborhood Associations concerning the lack of notification and clustering of housing units by the Huntsville Housing Authority, Alabama Senate Bill 205 was enacted by the legislature in its most recent session, which requires the Huntsville Housing Authority to give advance public notification on purchases and effects their use of eminent domain; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of SB 205, amending *Code of Alabama (1975) § 24-1-28* was to bring more accountability and openness to our community's efforts to further Fair Housing, a goal shared by the City Council and Mayor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama office of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) previously notified the Alabama Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities on February 24, 2012, that companion bills to SB 205) had the potential to be an impediment to Fair Housing in the Huntsville Community, potentially leading to a conflict between State and Federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, if the federal government determines that Huntsville community is not in compliance with Fair Housing, our community stands to lose millions of dollars in federal funds that are used not only for housing efforts, but also for water, road and sewer projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama request a legal opinion from HUD on Huntsville's ability to affirmatively further fair housing in compliance with the Fair Housing Act 1968 while implementing the requirements of Alabama Senate Bill 205.

**ADOPTED** this the \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2012.

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Mark Russell  
President of the City Council of the  
City of Huntsville, Alabama

**APPROVED** this the \_\_\_\_\_) day of July 2012.